HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN

A Oulet Week-Metal for 6.A.R. Badges-Looking Up Comrades-Assistance of the G.A.R. to the

Toledo, O., Sept. 27. The week has been a quiet one at Grand Army Headquarters, an occasional call upon Adl't-Gen. Alcorn finding him busily engaged in dry detail work, including the forwarding of General Order No. 4, of which each daily paper in the United States has been furnished

first thing that attracted the attention of your | ritories regard Mormonism as the great correspondent was a neatly-framed letter, resting on a crimson plat, with a margin of a couple of inches, being nothing less than a bill, bearing date of Aug. 25, 1884, for \$1,948.07, from Lieut. C. W. Whipple, of the New York Arsenal, Governor's Island, for 12 ordnance guns, smooth bore, weight 10,253 pounds, speci-

REPEL TROPHIES,

said trophies having been furnished upon the following order from the Ordnance Office, War Department, Washington, D. C., under date of

ROBERT B. REATH, Commander-in-Chief G.A.R., No. 1202 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. Sir: I have to inform you that, upon the recom-mendation of this Office, the Secretary of War has authorized the sale to you at New York Arsenal, Governor's Island, N. Y., of 12 six-pounder bronze guns (rebel trophies), weighing about \$40 pounds each, at 19 cents per pound; and you can purchase them upon application to the commanding officer of the Arsenal, Col. T. G. Bayler, P. O. Box 1449,

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
J. M. WHITTEMORE, Acting Chief of Ordnance

This should pretty effectually settle any doubt which has arisen, or been expressed, concerning the genuine character of the bronze badge of the G.A.R. worn by the veterans upon their

THE G.A.R. AND SOLDIER PENSIONS. The Commander-in-Chief is in receipt of a

letter from the Special Examination Division of the Pension Office, under date of Sept. 20, reviewing the aid already extended the Pension Office by the Grand Army in establishing pension claims and soliciting further assistance to the same end. The letter states that in an analysis of cases pending before the Pension Office, as made in July, 1883, the fact was disclosed that of the total number, about 244,000 in round numbers, 204,000 were awaiting the response of claimants to calls for necessary evidence. The evidence lacking in a large number of cases

EVIDENCE OF OFFICERS AND COMBADES to show the origin of disability in service and line of duty. In the majority of these cases | spondence in The NATIONAL TRIBUNE has there is at the Adjutant-General's Office either no record at all or none of constant presence for ters concerning the naming of a Post after a duty, and in such cases without the positive evidence of officers or comrades a pension cannot be granted under the pension laws. The inability to furnish this evidence in otherwise meritorious cases, arises principally from the | vicinity, to the number of 10 or 15, hold a Refact that comrades are widely separated and have lost all knowledge of each other's where-

Early in October, 1883, the Pension Office, it | trip. is stated, decided to establish a record of all surviving soldiers and sailors who had served in the Union Army and Navy during the late war, and as it was deemed safe to presume that | CONNECTICUT.all good soldiers are either members of the Grand Army of the Republic, or are known to | 22, by order of Wm. Berry, Dep't Com.-Henry its members, a letter was addressed to

ROBERT B. BEATH, Commander-in-Chief of the G.A.R., setting forth the necessity of the Pension Office and soliciting his aid in obtaining the records de-Office, 350,000 of which were sent to the various Departments of the G.A.R. soliciting the desired information. Simultaneously with these

General Order No. 4 was issued by the Com-

mander-in-Chief, requesting the various De-

partments to see that cards were promptly filled

and returned to the Pension Office. In response THIRTY-FIVE OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT DEPART-MENTS

have forwarded returns for about 50 per cent, the Quartersmaster's report to the A. Q. M. G. The of their membership, but from the other three Departments, viz., Maine Delaware and Indiana. no returns have been made. It is believed that if Post Commanders could be made to understand the vast amount of good that has already accrued to the suffering comrades through the forwarding of rosters by regiments to the Pension Office, they would the more readily respond to the request that has been made. As a proof of the value and success of the undertaking it is set forth that since April 15, when the few cards received up to that time were assorted by

STATES, REGIMENTS AND COMPANIES, and filed in cases for ready reference, the Pension Office has settled hundreds of cases that No. 3. could not be adjudicated because of the inability of claimants to furnish the necessary evidence of comrades of the origin of disability in service and line of duty. Of over 300,000 names inst. the G.A.R., while many regimental associations have forwarded lists. Names have also been added by special examiners and private in-

attention of Department Commanders, urging them to comply with the request made in General Order No. 4 in order that the returns may be completed at as early a day as possible. It is especially stated that without the aid of the G.A.R. the object stated cannot be obtained. The Commander-in-Chief may be trusted to give his active aid in this, as in every practical movement in the interest of soldier pensions. petition from the G.A.R. asking the purchase by Congress of Miss Caroline Ransom's historic IOWA.-

LIFE-SIZE PORTRAIT OF GEN. THOMAS. Potomac, each of which has joined in testimo- KANSAS .mials to its faithfulness as a likeness and majestic character as a work of art. Gens. How- No. 207, of this place, held a banquet on the 20th ard, Rosecrans, Sherman, Steedman, Garfield, Cox and others equally intimate with the great hero of the Western army, have placed them. here of the Western army, have placed themselves on record in letters addressed to Miss Ransom as grateful for the service she has rendered the history of the great struggle in her delineation of one of its chief commanders. was largely attended. A bountiful feast was pre-Miss Ransom is a sister of the gallant Gen. Ransom, who gave his life for his country, after serving it with rare and conspicuous brilliancy, and is herself imbued with MICHIGAN.the martial spirit which leads to the portrayal of stirring subjects. In her portrait of Gen. Thomas, known as

"THE ROCK OF CHICKAMAUGA," Miss Ransom represents the noble old hero standing with head uncovered, on a rock on rising ground, overlooking the battle ground of Chickamauga. His sturdy frame is planted as firmly as the unyielding granite, his lips compressed, and his head evenly poised as he surveys the raging battle beyond. It must have been at this point that Steedman found him when he reported with 5,000 fresh troops from Red.

House Bridge. Steedman used to relate in his thrilling manner a little incident illustrative of "The ments to Gen. Harker and tell him to re-enforce his right," when the aid, seeing how hot things were getting all around, replied with the question, "Where will I find you, General, when I return?" Gen. Thomas looked at him for an instant and then stamping his foot, as if to hasten his movements and put all doubts to

flight, said, "Here!" Miss Ransom's portrait, if purchased by petition of the G.A.R., will be a fine addition to impaired memory, and kindred symptoms the historic paintings that now adorn the rotunds and adjacent halls and corridors of the trated treatise, giving means of certain cure, National Capitol.

VISITORS OF THE WEEK. Mr. John McElroy, author of "Andersonville," a brilliant and able writer, of the editorial staff of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, Wash- Mich, ington, D. C., and Gen. Durbin Ward, of Ohio. one of the members of a committee chosen by

the Army of the Cumberland to prepare a memorial of Gen. Jas. B. Steedman, his life and services, were among the visitors of the week

Also, Gen. J. C. Smith, of Springfield, Ill., who with his wife was returning from the Supreme Council of Masons at Detroit. Gen. Smith is State Treasurer of Illinois, now serving a second term, after an interval, as the law requires, and is candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the Republican ticket. He

SERVED ON GEN. STEEDMAN'S STAFF and was on the skirmish-line with him at Red House Bridge the morning he resolved to go to the relief of Thomas at Chickamauga. Gen. Pension Office-Miss Ransom's Portrait of Gen. Smith is a fluent talker, graphic in de-Thomas-Memorial of Gen. Steedman-Encour- scription, and gives many stirring incidents of the army life of his illustrious chief.

Mrs. Ida L. Lincoln, wife of Comrade W. T. Lincoln, of Salt Lake City, was among the visitors who called to pay her respects to the Commander-in-Chief. Mrs. Lincoln visited Toledo by the request of the comrades of Salt Lake City, that she might become familiar with the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, and so introduce it in the West. The comrades Entering Headquarters this morning, the of the Grand Army of Utah and adjacent Ter-

> DISLOYAL SPIRIT OF THE AGE, and are arming and equipping themselves in Utah to act as a defense to the loyal element should danger arise. The Mormons place allegiance to the church above allegiance to the country, and a soldier, who has become a Mormon, and who has applied for admission to the Post, has been refused initiation, because he said that in case of a conflict his vows would compel him to stand by the church and against the flag of the country he had fought to save. The Grand Army in Utah feel that the Government is very dereliet in delaying some sure measures to check and eradicate the great evil. Among other visitors was Comrade W. R. Hibbard, Past Adjutant, David Becker Post, No. 25, Ogden Center, Mich. The Post is just recovering from the serious misfortunes of the fire, which destroyed their hall and all their

ENCOURAGING GAINS. Supplementary reports have been received

by Adj't-Gen. Alcorn from California and Iowa, in which Iowa reports a gain for the quarter ending June 39 of 855; total 5,583. California reports a gain for the quarter ending June 30, of 548; total 3,336. The Department numbers 63 Posts, and the A. A.-G. promises 70 by the close of the current year.

THE TENNESSEE TRIP of the Commander-in-Chief has now been fully determined. Leaving Toledo Saturday, Oct. 18, he will reach Nashville and visit the Post there Monday, Oct. 20. He will be the guest while there of the Department of Tennessee, Col. E. S. Jones commanding, who will accompany him to Memphis and other points. The Commander of the Post at Memphis will meet him at Nashville, the dates for Memphis and vicinity being fixed for Oct. 21, 22 and 23. At Chattanooga he will visit the battlefield of

of great interest and pleasure. BEN BUTLER POST. The publication of the Ben Butler corresufficed to bring many inquiries to Headquar-

living soldier, and one in this case not even a

member of the G.A.R. SOUTHERN OHIO REUNION. October 11, Ohio Posts at Rainsboro' and union at that place, which the Commander-in-Chief is urged to attend, but may not be able to do so, owing to his contemplated Southern

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

General Orders, No. 7, issued at Hartford, Sept. E. Taintor, A. A. G.—contains the following The address of the Commander-in-Chief, with the reports of the Committee on Pensions and the Council of Administration, which were presented to and adopted by the last National Encamp-ment, have been distributed. They contain sired. He gave his hearty indersement to the be read aloud in each Post. Promptness and undertaking, and after a personal interview care in forwarding reports for the present with him, a card was issed by the Pension quarter is strenuously urged. Many of the reports for the second quarter showed extreme caressness, especially on the part of Quartermasters The most common error was a misstatement of the balance on hand at last report, showing that a copy of such report had not been kept, or if kept, had not been consulted. A copy should be kept in all cases and care taken that the next report corresponds with it. Another error was a failure of the Adiatant's and Quartermaster's reports to agree in the number in good standing. Such error is simply the result of not comparing the two before forwarding. In this connection attention is called to the mistake made by some Posts in forwarding two reports and the per capita tax should be for-warded to the Assistant Adjutant General. Where death has occurred during the quarter, the Post Commander should apply to the A. A. G. for blank obituary report, to be filled out and forwarded with others. Steele Post. No. 34, located at Torrington, W. H. McCarty, Commander, was organzed June 24, 1884, by Department Commander Berry, assisted by comrades from Posts 33 and 68. Oliver O. Stearns Post, No. 73, located at Mansfield Center, John Bolles, Commander, was organized July 12, 1884, by Amos G. Crandall, P. C. of Post 30, assisted by comrades of the latter Post. In Section IV of G. O., No. 6, c. s. D. P. Corbin Post, No. 73, should read D. P. Corbin Post, No. 74. Post No. 34 is hereby assigned to Inspection District No. 12. Post No. 73 is assigned to Inspection District Inspection District No. 4 to Inspection District

> J. T. Graham, Gaff: Arthur Post will hold a Camp-fire and festival on the evening of the 4th

INDIANA .-

Leonard Leach, New Albany: Post No. 191, of this place, has a membership of 90, and is in good working order. Officers: Commander, A. Fite; S. dividuals desiring to contribute to the record.

The Commander-in-Chief is requested to make another presentation of the case to the attention of Department Commanders, urging 85th man at the last meeting, and expects its membership to reach 100 before Jan. I. Officers: Commander, H. H. Ragan; S. V. C., G. S. Clark; J. V. C., M. Boney; Surg., E. R. Bacon; O. D., J. A. Clark; Adj't, G. W. Waters; Chap., Wm. Knapp; Q. M., C. E. Chaffee; O. G., Mark Webber; Q. M. S., Y. C. Vorburg; S. M., T. D. Dickenson. Post, together with Wheeler and Broomfield Posts, of this County, held a rousing Camp-fire at Cedar Lake, Sept. 10, 11 and 12. It was the first thing of The Commander-in-Chief has given his the kind that has ever taken place in the County, sanction to a project proposed by comrades of and was a glorious success-there being over 4,000 the Department of the Potomac to secure a people on the grounds. Lieut.-Gov. Hanna, of

Thos. Daily, Lyons: Albert T. Winchell Post. No. 327, which was recently started here with 30 which has been exhibited at Reunions of the charter members, has now 60 in good standing, Army of the Tennessee and the Army of the and hopes to add to that number in the near future

Chas. Banks, Silver Lake: The comrades of Post

J. F. Wolverton, Adamsville : A grand Camp-fire and Reunion was held by Savannah Post, at Sulphur Springs, six miles south of Savannah, which pared and partaken of by the comrades. We expect to hold a Camp-fire at Adamsville about the

Thos. L. Blakely, Jonesville: At a meeting of W. J. May Post, No. 65, on the 20th ult. resolutions of regrei were adopted on the death of Comrade Chas. W. Furgeson, of Co. E, 11th Mich.

MISSOURI.-On Sept. 20, W. H. Skinner, S. M. O., assisted by Commander Gillidett Wiley, of F. D. Meade Post, No. 124, mustered Bradshaw Post, No. 201, at Mount Moriah with 33 charter members. The Post bids fair to become one of the best Posts in Northern

NEW YORK .-Francis Avery, King's Ferry: We have just started a Grand Army Post here with 36 charter members, with an excellent prospect of increase in

R. H. Mohler, Loudonville: On the 12th ult. the Rock of Chickamauga," which occurred just as new hall of Pisher Post, No. 309, was dedicated by he rode upon the field. Gen. Thomas had given a grand Camp-fire and oyster supper. The principal oration of the evening was delivered by Comments to Gen. Herker and tell him to re-enforce elegations present from Given, Wooster and illiot Posts, of Jeromeville. A delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps of Wooster was also present. The entertainment added \$47 to the relief fund of

Wrecked Manhood.

from nervous debility, lack of self-confidence, should send three letter stamps for large illus-Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

Order G.A.R. Memorial Record Book of Col. R. F. Hill, author of G.A.R. Tactics, Kalamazoo,

REUNIONS.

The Reunion at Neosho Falls, Kan., under the auspices of the Grand Army, was a great success. It was held at the Fair grounds, and address which aroused the enthusiasm of the boys to a high pitch. One of the leading features was a sham battle, which seemed all right to the amateurs, but the old soldiers thought it was not quite what it ought to have been, because the "Yanks" disobeyed orders and captured the "Johnnies" too soon, just as they did at Missionary Ridge in 1863. On the whole it was one of the finest Reunions of the year, so far as the returns have come in.

The veterans of the 8th Conn. held their 15th annual Reunion at Bridgeport, Sept. 17, the anniversary of the battle of Antietam. Nearly 100 of the boys were present. Telegrams were exchanged with the 11th veterans gathered at Williamantic, the 14th at Clinton, and the 16th at New Haven. Next year the 8th will meet at Thompsonville, Sept. 17.
The veterans of the 89th Ohio celebrated the

anniversary of Chickamauga by a Reunion at Frankfort, Ross Co. This regiment was nearly all captured at Chickamauga, and a large number of its members perished at Andersonville and other rebel prisons.

Survivors of the old 55th Ohio, which did its full share of hard service in the war, held a Reunion Sept. 17, at Bloomville, Seneca Co. The boys were well taken care of by the townsfolk. Members of the 164th O. N. G. participated in the festivities. The 77th, 78th, and 79th Pa. were the only infantry regiments raised east of Ohio that

the Eleventh and Twelfth Corps, under Hooker, went west after Chickamanga. The 79th Pa. veterans met at Lancaster, Sept. 19, in memory of Chickamanga. Col. H. A. Hambright, the first commander of the regiment, was present. Waterbury, Conn., on Sept. 17, welcomed the old boys of Cos. B, I, and M, 1st Conn. Heavy Art. There was the usual amount of fun and feasting, and it was voted to meet next year at

A very pleasant and enjoyable occasion at New Orleans, La., Sept. 18, was the first annual Camp-fire of Timothy O. Howe Post, Grand Army. Among the guests were a large number of ex-Confederates. The "bloody chasm" was abolished and a spirit of "grace, mercy, and peace" hovered over the assemblage. Judging from the published reports, punch—what-ever that is—was the leading feature of the program. At any rate, everybody enjoyed itthe Reunion and the punch.

The soldiers and sailors of Perry County, Ind., and adjoining Counties held a grand Reunion on the 4th, 5th and 6th of September, under the auspices of Dela Hunt Post, No. 152, which was well attended and proved a source of enjoyment as well as amusement and benefit to the Post. Hard-tack, bean soup, bacon, black coffee and sugar filled the bill of fare. Several speeches were made by ex-soldier orators and others, and a historical lecture of sonal history. The journey promises to be one | maps of the battlefield, was delivered by Comof Cannelton was gaily decorated and the Re-union was held in Lion Park, where, on the we can." night of the 5th, a big ball was held, which, with the other receipts, nicely replenished the

The boys of the 5th Mich, held a very successful Reunion a few days ago at South Lyon. There was a good deal of speech-making and feasting and the enjoyments that always appertain to such occasions.

G. F. V. Froehlich, Oquawka, Ill.: A Reunion

of the toth Mo. will be held at Palmyra, Mo., John W. Smith, Toledo, O.: The sixth annual. Reunion of the 111th Ohio will be held at

Bryan, O., Oct. 2. Warner, 108 Hudson street, Elmira, N. Y- A Reunion of the 1st N. Y. Vet. Cav. will be held at Binghamton Oct. 14.

N. A. Ewing, Neoga, Ill.: The 10th annual Rennio of the 21st Ill., which was held at Arcola, on the 18th and 19th ult., was a very pleasant affair. We telegraphed a salutation to our old Colonel (Gen. U. S. Grant), in New York city, and received a congratulatory answer from him. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Capt. Ed. Harlan; V.-P., Capt. P. Welshimer; Treas., Capt. H. Black; Rec. Sec., Lieut. I. S. Taylor; Cor. Sec., M. A. Ewing. The next Reunion will be held at Neoga, Ill., Sept. 22 and 23, 1885.

H. D. Williams, Oakland, Ill.: The Reunion of the 66th and 123d Ill. was one of the most pleasan affairs ever held in this part of the State. There were at least 8,000 people there, about 700 of whom were soldiers. The exercises consisted of addresses by Senator Horace Clark, Hon. R. L. McKinley, and Col. Joseph Connoley. There was plenty of music on the grounds to enliven the old soldiers, and a fine feast was spread for them. An organization was effected, with Capt. L. C. Thornton President and H. D. Williams Secretary.

T. E. Cutter, Newburyport, Mass.: The 35th Mass, held its 19th annual Reunion at this place on the 17th ult. The association, numbering about 175, marched through the principal streets to the steamer May Queen, on which they took a trip up the river. After dinner speeches were made by Ben: Perley Poore, of the old 8th and 19th; Capt. H. O. Dudley, of the 11th N. H., and others. Gen. Sumner Curruth, of Andover, was elected President for the ensuing year, and Lieut. T. E. Cutter, of Newburyport, Secretary and Treas-

R. Encampment at Minneapolis the 28th day | would either directly or indirectly exclude of October was selected as the time for the Reunion of the 9th Minn. at Mankato, but, by request, the time has been postponed until the 18th of November. While this is a Reunion of the regiment, all members of the 5th Minn., 8th Wis., 11th Mo., 47th Ill., and 2d Iowa battery, which, together with the 9th Minn., composed the Second Brigade, First Division, Sixteenth Corps, are especially requested to be present.

Wm. W. Fuller, Willimantic, Conn.: The sixth annual Reunion of the Eleventh Regiment, Connecticut Veteran Volunteer Association was held at Willimantic, Conn., Sept. 17, 1884, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Col. Randall H. Rice, of Pawtucket, R. I.; V.-P., Capt. Wm. G. Dickerson, of New Haven, Conn. There were 10 other Vice-Presidents elected, one from each company. Wm. W. Fuller was elected Secretary and Treasurer, of Versailles, Conn. Executive Committe, First Lieut. Frank H. Day, of Hartford, Conn.; Lemuel Warner, of Willimantic, Conn.; W. O. Montgomery, of New Haven, Conn. Committee to Select Medal Badges for the Association, Capt. Henry Eastman, Colchester, Conn.; Gilbert Wilson, Providence, R. I., Frank H. Day, Hartford, Conn. Telegrams of greeting were received and sent to the 8th, 14th, and 16th Conn, in Reunion. Mrs. Armstrong, of Willimantic, Conn., read a poem, which was greeted with great applause by the comrades. Speeches were delivered by Capt. F. M. Sprague, Springfield, Mass., and Capt. Wm. G. Dickerson, New Haven, Conn. A. L. Chandler, Oxford, N. H.: Co. D. 1st. Vt. Cav., held its fourth Reunion at St. Johnsbury on the 17th ult. Officers: Pres., Geo. R. Crosby, V.-P., Horace K. Ide; Sec. and Treas.,

A. L. Chandler. J. M. London, Macon City, Mo.: The Reunion of the 10th Mo. will be held at Palmyra, Oct.

The Reunion of the 9th Ohio on the 19th ult, at Cincinnati, was very largely attended and a success in every particular. Frank Mixsen, Angelica, N. Y .: The Reunion of the 85th New York took place on Sept. 18.

Come, Gentle Spring, and bring malaria, dyspepsia, biliousness, tor-pidity of liver and a train of kindred maladies. Fortunately Kidney-Wort is at hand. It may be had of the nearest druggist and will purify the system, correct the stomach and bowels, stimulate the liver and kidneys to healthy action, remove all poisonous humors and make you feel like a new man. As a spring medicine, tonic and blood Purifier it has no equal.

Messrs. S. H. Moore & Co., of No. 27 Park Place, New York, whose advertisement appears in another column, are well known to our readers, their advertisements having been before the public for many years. Although their offer seems to be an extraordinary one, we are assured that they have an abundance of capital and also the disposition to fill all orders. Victims of youthful indiscretions, suffering | We wish them continued success.

Everybody knows that the Grand Trunk Railway Co. has resisted pooling, which would be to the detriment of the public. It has with numerous testimonials. Address World's always been the cheapest route from Chicago to Maine. But few know how extensively they have developed their system in Michigan. You can now visit all the leading towns of that State and not leave this well-equipped line.

lasted two days, fully 5,000 persons being in attendance. Col. John A. Martin delivered an Gleanings from National Headquarters--News from the Departments.

> HEADQUARTERS. NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, TOLEDO, O.

KATE B. SHERWOOD, National President. Emma D. Sibley, National Secretary. Toledo, O., Sept. 22, 1884. As your news gatherer at National Headquarters I have nodded a good morning to the busy scene at the Secretary's desk and received the

following for my weekly contribution:

The Provisional Departments report rapid progress, Minnesota having sent out three applications for charter, and California and Dakota have been in correspondence with Post Commanders with the prospect of several new Corps soon being added to their roster. A Department of Dakota has been formed, but the official report is not yet in. National Corresponding Secretaries are no less enthusiastically engaged in the discharge of their duties, Mrs. M. Isabelle Foster, of Bangor, Me., having forwarded applications to Camden, Ft. Fairchild and St. Albans. She has also assurances from comrades of Searsport, Milo and other places, that they have the matter under consideration, and that when the Corps are formed they shall be under the National Order. Mrs. Foster is at present sojourning in Massachusetts, where she will combine Relief Corps business served in the Army of the Cumberland until with the pleasures of a visit, hoping, she says, to become fully informed in the duties of her

> WORKING HAND IN HAND. Since the last look at the file of Grand Army communications there has been added a welcome message from Comrade C. B. Stilson, Ass't Adj't-Gen., Dep't of Iowa, accompanied by a roster of the Department. He says: "We will take great pleasure in distributing any orders or circulars that you may wish us to. I inclose

one of our rosters. Am now preparing a new one and will forward one as soon as complete." Aside from the business proper very many inquiries reach Headquarters from parties seeking employment, or often it is an appeal from some needy comrade or his family to extend aid in an hour of extreme helplessness. In all cases some effort is made in their behalf-at least, such appeals never pass by unnoticed; and of the latter class, where immediate assistance is asked, the case is promptly referred to those persons empowered to investigate the case and render such assistance as may be

needed. Col. Edward G. Miller, Dep't Com. of Iowa, to whom was recently forwarded for his consideration a letter bearing a story of want and misery of a resident of that State, thus speaks: "I thank you for the interest you have shown in this matter. Your sympathy does honor Mission Ridge, so memorable in his own per-sonal history. The journey promises to be one maps of the battlefield, was delivered by Comrade John J. Kleiner, 86th Ohio. The town is deserving, he has claims upon the State and

Department Commander F. J. Babcock. Oregon, is in full sympathy with the objects of our Order and has already rendered invaluable assistance to Corps in that State. He writes, as a conclusion to his letter, "Hoping a Provisional Department will soon be an established fact, so we may take advantage of the long Winter evenings to relight our camp-fires | the value of your suggestion."-Reverdy Johnson to and infuse new energy into both Posts and Corps." It is the intention of the National President to appoint a Provisional President as soon as possible, with the hope of forming a | women of the age, who, after spending health, | for assistance rendered in beginning their new Col. Henry M. Nevius, Dep't Com. of Nev Jersey, always a friend to the cause, sends his forts of life, is taking a practical turn, with | zilla W. King; J. V.-P., Mrs. Mary A. Luding-

Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y.

EXTENDING THE GOOD WORK,

Applications for charter sent out from Headquarters are to Comrade John Black, Jr., Adjutant, Admiral Reynolds Post, Laucaster, Pa.; Mrs. Mina M. York, Collyer, Kan.; Comrade E. W. Beach, Commander, Morton Post, Joplin, Mo. From the good old Green Mountain State come the names of 22 loyal ladies enlisted under the name of Chamberlain Relief Corps, No. 4, St. Johnsbury, Vt., while from Norfolk, Va., others mustered as Shaw Relief Corps, No. 2.

Decisions of the National President for the past week being embodied for the most part in those already published, it is not deemed necessary to reproduce them here, unless it is to say the recommendation to Department and National officers to resign executive offices in Corps will not assume the form of an Order, while at the same time it will continue a recommendation, to be carried into effect so far as possible after the expiration of the present term of Corps office, if not before, the President firmly believing it to be for the good of the Order. The Past National President, Mrs. Barker, entertains the same view. Another point which will draw a second notice is, that the question of admitting all loyal women into our Order, if otherwise eligible, has no longer a place in Corps discussion; and any motion G. W. Meade, Mankato, Minn.: At the G.A. | recognized by a Corps or Department which such applicants on the ground that they were not the near relatives of soldiers, is wholly unconstitutional, and, therefore, cannot be sustained by the National President.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA. Prior to the National Convention at Minneapolis a meeting of delegates from Indiana Corps was held at Elkhart, Ind., to form a Department. But as the regularly appointed Instituting and Installing Officer, Miss Emma D. Sibley, was detained by illness, the meeting was irregular and imperfectly organized. Conferring with Past Department Commander Jas. R. Carnahan, at Minneapolis, an officer whose Decisions and Opinions," as Judge Advocate-General, G.A.R., were adopted and approved by the National Encampment, July, 1883, the National President, Mrs. Sherwood, was advised to declare a vacancy in the offices of the Department and the proceedings in convention null and void, and to order a new election. Upon her return from Minneapolis this was lone, and now, as the following report of Mrs. Holbrooke, National Instituting and Installing Officer, will show, Indiana is squarely on her feet, with every prospect of doing excellent the rare distinction of having instituted three Departments-Illinois, Michigan, and now Indiana, having superior qualifications as a presiding officer and understanding herself and her work thoroughly. She was much pleased with her reception at Fort Wayne, where she was royally entertained. The following is her official report of her Indiana visit: THOROUGH WORK THIS TIME.

Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, National President, W.R.C.: I have to report the very harmonious and successful organization of the Department of Indiana at Fort Wayne, Sept. 17, 1884, with a full delegation present from Shiloh Corps, Elkhart; Corps No. 4, Cendallville, and Sion S. Bass Corps, Fort Wayne. The following officers were duly elected and installed: President, Mrs. Alice Griffin, Elkhart; S. V.-P., Mrs. Sue Beals, Fort Wayne; J. V.-P., Mrs. Hattie Floyd, Kendallville; Treas., Mrs. Mary Titus, Elkhart; Chap., Mrs. Emily O. Strope, Fort Wayne; Inspector, Mrs. Addie Hall, Kendallville; Con., Mrs. M. Jennie Graham, Fort Wayne; Guard, Miss Fannie Mendenhall, Fort Wayne. Mrs. Adelia Beck, Elkhart, was appointed Secretary, but not being present at the Convention could not be in-

The convention was characterized by a spirit of harmony and enthusiasm seldom met with in the organization of a State, and although the attendance was not large, and the Corps represented few in numbers, yet the apparent determination and carnest zeal in the good work manifested made up for the lack of numbers present. PLEASANT PRELIMINARY EVENING.

Sion S. Bass Relief Corps, No. 7, was instituted the evening previous to the Department convention, with a charter membership of 44, and the following officers elected: Pres., Mrs. M. Jennie Gra-ham; S. V.-P., Mrs. Nancy Mason; J. V.-P., Mrs. Brickford; Chap., Mrs. Belle Barnard; Con., Mrs. Lydia D. Brooks; G., Mrs. Jennie Hersh. After the institution of the Corps, Sion S. Bass Post was admitted and a public installation of the officers took place, accompanied by most hearty words of encouragement from the Senior Vice-Commander, James E. Graham, and other comrades of the Best, together with remarks of an encouraging and pleasant nature with reference to the good work, from Mrs. Beardsley and Mrs. Griffin, of Elkhart, and the newly-elected President, Mrs. Graham, of Fort Wayne. This was followed by a social and refreshments served in admirable style, when, at a late hour, all retired to their homes full of encouragement for the future, and with renewed determination for active work.

can be no uncertain success attending the efforts of Sion S. Bass Post and its auxiliary, Sion S. Bass Relief Corps.—Lois W. S. Holbrooke, National In-stituting and Installing Officer.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S REPORT. Mrs. M. Jennie Graham, Secretary pro tem., Department Convention, writes in very complimentary terms of Mrs. Holbrooke as a presiding officer, the delegates present giving her a rising vote of thanks for her efficient services at the convention. Corps not present by delegates sent regrets through their officers and a God-speed to the workers assembled. A letter from the Treasurer of the Corps at Brazil was read and spread upon the minutes. The Corps regretted their inability to be represented, but had lost their funds on deposit, in July, by the failure of a bank, and what they had accumulated since had been used in sending three little orphans to the Soldiers'

CORPS AND DEPARTMENTS. Sarah C. Borland is Secretary of Appomattox Corps, Oakland, Cal.; in a letter to our National President she says: "Our Corps is small, as yet, but we have a number of the most earnest, patriotic, and enthusiastic women, who are ready to do anything to promote the usefulness and good of our Corps, and we also have the most beautiful spirit of harmony among us all. If it is not improper to thus speak to a superior officer, I would like to tell you before closing, how very happy and glad we were over the election of our National President. We have known you so long and so well, through the columns of THE NATIONAL TRIB-UNE, that we felt it was, indeed, the right woman in the right place. Though a continent divides us, though we are far away on the sunset shore of this glorious Union, believe that many warm and loyal hearts beat in unison with yours for this noble work in which we are engaged." A Reunion will be held at Cameron, Mo.,

ladies of Joe Hooker Corps will assist in the entertainment. An inspection of the Corps will take place at the same time, to be made by Mrs. Gen. T. J. Anderson, National J. V.-P., of Topeka, Kan., who will make the tour of the State in the interest of Relief Corps work. Comrades of the G.A.R. desiring her presence to aid in the formation of Corps should confer with her at once. Mrs. Louise M. Merrill, Dep't President, St. Paul, Neb., corrects a statement recently made

during the first week of October, when the

in these columns that a donation had been made by Canby Corps of that place for the relief of Anna Ella Carroll, saying: "THE TRIBUNE states it was from St. Paul, which was incorrect; for, while Canby Relief Corps, in St. Paul, has done much, and is now paying \$10 or \$12 per week for services of a nurse in a comrade's family who are sick, and doing many acts of mercy and kindness, thus far we have not done anything for Miss Carroll, but hope to be able to add our mite ere long. The above donation was made by Robert Anderson Relief Corps, No. 5, at York, of which our honored Department Chaplain, Mrs. Juliet G. Howe, is the efficient President."

Comrade E. A. H. Beyland, Past Commander, James A. Garfield Post, No. 2, Department of mental Reunion at Cincinnati and the ex-Federal soldiers' Reunion at London, Ky. ANNA ELLA CARROLL FUND.

"I remember very well that you were the first to advise the campaign of the Tennessee River in November, 1861. This I have never heard doubted, and the great events which followed it demonstrated

Anna Ella Carroll. The effort to create a fund for the care of Anna Ella Carroll, one of the most remarkable | and business-like manner and their gratitude suffering for medical attention and the com- Pres., Mrs. Sarah J. Reitz; S. V.-P., Mrs. Ro-General Order, No. 11, containing favorable | what success will be reported from time to time. | ton; Sec., Elinor A. Brotherton; Treas., Mrs. mention of the work of the Order in his De- In the meantime an occasional report on the Lovilla Jones; Chap., Mrs. Mary J. Smith; partment, and giving for the information of skirmish-line shows that the pickets are wide | Con., Florence King; Guard, Mrs. Mathias those interested in the formation of Corps the awake, and that an advance all along the line Wells. address of the National Corresponding Secre- will soon be made in aid of this noble woman. tary assigned to that special field, Mrs. Maggie | The National President the past week received the following:

SECOND THE MOTION.

DEAR MRS. SHERWOOD: I second the motion ade by Comrade Gault that every soldier send 10 cents for the relief of Anna Ella Carroll. Let us hear through THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE that every soldier sends his mite.-O. P. WAY, Colchester,

THOUGHTFUL COMRADES. Comrade C. W. Rice, Co. G, 1st N. Y. Dragoons, widow's mite." In a poem of several stanzas, almost in the shadow of Fortress Monroe, are forwarded to Miss Carroll, Comrade Rice expresses the gratitude of the old soldiers for all that was done for them by the women of the war, and concluding as follows:

Oh, Nation! that our fathers bought, Bestow, we pray, on woman's worth The laurels for which our heroes fought And deck her larder and her purse.

Comrade Gregor writes from Cuyahoga Falls, Inclosed find 25 cents for Anna Ella Carroll.—I GREGOR, O. M. Mitchell Post, Jacksonville, Fla.

A GIVING CORPS. KATE B. SHERWOOD: Having seen your appeal in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE for help, it was unannously agreed that we should forward you the sum of \$5 from our charity fund. Hoping your

appeal shall meet with success from other Corps, yours, in Fraternity—MARTHA M. SCHREINER, Pres. of Corps No. 2, Philadelphia, Pa. GOOD AND WELFARE CARDS, The National President earnestly recommends the adoption of Good and Welfare cards by the Corps. Order through your Department, as the National Treasurer announces that they are now ready to be sent out. Price to Corps the same as Ode Cards, a cent and a

half a piece. The Corps which have them in use are delighted. A Corps President writes: We rejoice to know that a Good and Welfare card, with questions and responses, has been adopted, as we have always felt that something was lacking of dignity and appropriateness in the closing, compared with the opening exer-

Department Gleanings.

DAKOTA, NEBRASKA, MICHIGAN-ALL ALONG THE LINE. Next week we expect to be able to report the proceedings of the Convention at Yankton. Dak., in connection with the great soldiers' Reunion, when the permanent Department of the Woman's Relief Corps was formed, with the President of the provisional Department, Mrs. Alma P. Bennett, President. Mrs. Bennett writes that the meeting was a glorious success and that the Relief Corps of Dakota brings most able and devoted workers into the field. Headquarters is at Sioux Falls, and the work as a Department. Mrs. Holbrooke has Grand Army of Dakota may well esteem themselves fortunate in having at the head of Relief Corps work a woman so able, competent and beloved as Mrs. Bennett.

THE WORK IN NEBRASKA. DEAR TEIBUNE: The sixth annual Reunion of he soldiers and sailors of the late war residing in Nebraska opened Sept. 1, 1884, under most favorable auspices. The camp grounds were finely lo-cated on the Platte River at Fremont. Camp Mc-Pherson was formally turned over to Gen. J. M. Thayer, commander of camp, by G. W. E. Dorsey, Chairman of Reunion Committee. The address of welcome by Mayor Cleland was responded to by Gen. Palmer, Department Commander. The num-erous martial bands discoursed sweet music, and the flags and streamers flying to the breeze in every direction gave the "City of Tents" a holiday appearance. Gen. Morrow, U. S. A., 21st Inf., with his staff, were greeted upon their arrival by a salute of 12 guns. The dress parades were witnessed by large crowds of interested spectators, many of whom were veterans who feel too old to go through the evolutions of drill for mere amuse

Wednesday afternoon the school children and their relatives and friends enjoyed a Camp-fire of their own—Gov. Dawes, Gen. Morrow, Chief Jus-

tice Cobb, and others speaking to them. In the evenings the Camp-fires burned bright as thousands filled the pavilion to listen to the noble and glorious deeds our soldiers achieved. The third evening closed with an exhibition by the Lincoln Flambeau Club, commanded by Harry Hotchbiss. Their march and manuvers were warmly compli mented, while the display of fireworks was truly grand. Thursday evening the Camp-fire varied from its usual monotony by the presentation of a beautiful G.A.R. badge to Comrade A. Allee, of Omaha, General Passenger Agent of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. The donors were a portion of the Nebraska delegation to the Nebraska delegation to the Nebraska delegation. tion of the Nebraska delegation to the National Encampment, as a token of their appreciation of his unremitting labors in their behalf. The presentation speech was made by Senior Vice-Commander Clarkson, and Comrade Allee's reply would have his hearers to believe that patriotism glows as warmly in his bosom now as when he glows as warmly in his bosom now as when he offered his life for his country. Thursday afternoon had been designated for the sham battle, and the crowd surged toward the parade-ground long before the hour appointed, and the vastamphitheater erected to seat the people was nearly filled, when with a crash the entire structure gave way, and the occupants were precipitated to the ground. About 60 were injured, some seriously, but none fatally. The scene that ensued was beyond description; crowds moving in every direction to afford the sufferers relief, or to assure themselves that their loved ones were not among the unfortunates. R. F. Hill, author of G.A.R. Tactics, Kalamazoo, dich.

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Mention The National Tribune. placed at the disposal of the Surgeons in charge. Every one, citizen and soldier, did all in their power to alleviate the suffering. Surg. Stone, of Wahoo, with his staff of medical aids, attended to the wounded with skill and dispatch. This accident cast a gloom over the entire camp, and no

dent cast a gloom over the entire camp, and no farther thought was given to the continuance of the program. The sham battle was postponed until the following day. The crowd in attendance was estimated at 20,000 people. Good order was maintained, and certainly we can report that the Nebraska Reunion of 1884 was a decided success.

Nothing has been said of the ladies, yet I can assure you they were an important element in this vast crowd. Mrs. Louise M. Merrill, President of the Department, Woman's Relief Corps, had previously issued a call for a meeting of her officers and had requested Posts who had no auxiliaries to send representatives also. Many responded by their presence. The meeting was honored by the presence of Mrs. Lottie L. Myers, President of the Department of Ohio, Woman's Relief Corps, and Department of Ohio, Woman's Relief Corps, and also benefited by her counsel and words of encour-agement. I trust we have renewed our interest in W.R.C. work by the principle of Fraternity she manifested toward us. I regret we cannot report much accomplished, but think the foundation was laid for large results in the future. The officers and members of the Woman's Relief Corps, at their Headquarters were paid the compliment of a fer-Headquarters, were paid the compliment of a for-mal call from the Department Commander and

National Corresponding Secretary. RELIEF CORPS OF MICHIGAN. From Mrs. Jennie M. George, Department Secretary, Lansing, Mich., we have the roster of Michigan Relief Corps mustered to date, as follows:

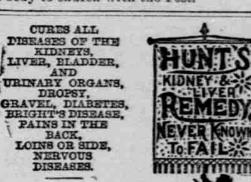
staff, Gen. Morrow, Gen. Manderson and other prominent G.A.R. men, who assured us of their hearty co-operation in our work.—Julia A. Bowen,

Zach Chandler, No. 1, South Haven, Pres., Mary E. Dodge; A. W. Allen, 2, Pokagon, Pres., Martha Schell; Chauncey Perry, 3, Coral, Pres., Maggie King; Farragut, 4, Battle Creek, Pres., Theresa French; Edward Pomeroy, 5, Jackson, Pres., Martha Strong, M. D.; French, 6, Big Rapids, Pres., Mary F. Priest; Chas. T. Foster, 7, Lansing, Pres., Alice S. Garlick; Phil Kearny, 8, Muskegon, Pres., C. L. Bradford; Stanton 9, Stanton Pres., Mary F. C. L. Bradford; Stanton, 9, Stanton, Pres., Mary E. Hirrels; Fairbanks, 10, Detroit, Pres., Emma S. Hamton; Wm. Bell, 11, Dundee, Pres., Mattie Smith; Geo. G. Meade, 13, Berrien Centre, Pres., Kentucky, Covington, Aid-de-Camp to Commander-in-Chief, kindly remembered the National Officers with an invitation to his registantine, Pres., Sue Stitzel: A. S. Williams, 18. Charlotte, Pres., Sarah J. Carroll; Geo. A. Walker, 20, St. Johns, Pres., Maria Crull. Nos. 12 and 19 have not been mustered as yet.

ALL ALONG THE LINE. The ladies of Nellisville, Wis., who have organized themselves into Relief Corps No. 10, and have been instituted with 40 charter members by Mrs. Clara B. Sloane, express themselves much pleased with Mrs. Sloane's prompt strength and fortune for her country, is now work. The following officers were installed:

Lookout Mountain Relief Corps, No. 2, Henry, Ill., have draped their charter in mourning 30 days in memory of a useful and beloved charter member, Mrs. J. B. Robertson. At the grave, following the services at the Methodist Church, and after the casket had been lowered into the open grave, the ladies of the Relief Corps passed about the grave, into which each deposited a bouquet of white flowers upon the coffin-lid of their fallen friend. Then, taking a position at head and foot of grave, an interesting burial service was recited by members sends \$1 for himself and \$1 designated as "a of this Order, which, with the benediction and covering the grave with flowers, concluded the exercises. Her age was 36.

Mary A. Graves, Secretary, Westfield, Mass., writes us that Corps 22 is in a prosperous condition, with Mrs. S. C. Walkley President, wife of Col. L. B. Walkley. The Corps has a relief fund, and finds plenty to do. They are now working to add to the fund, which is growing less every month. Have had one death-a charter member. Memorial Day they made 100 wreaths, 100 crosses, 100 bonquets, and went in a body to church with the Post.



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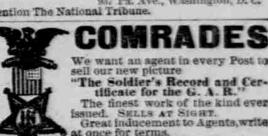
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